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## **AMENDMENTS**

## In the claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A microarray strip containing microarrays, the microarray strip comprising:
  - a pocket strip having a number of pockets;
- a number of microarrays, each pocket of the pocket strip containing a mircoarray; and
- a <u>non-rigid</u> cover strip bonded to the pocket strip to create sealed chambers, each sealed chamber containing a microarray.
- 2. (Original) The microarray strip of claim 1 wherein the pocket strip and cover strip are plastic and the cover strip is bonded to the pocket strip by heat sealing.
- 3. (Original) The microarray strip of claim 1 wherein the pocket strip is a polymer/metal foil laminate.
- 4. (Original) The microarray strip of claim 1 wherein the cover strip is a metal foil.
- 5. (Original) The microarray strip of claim 1 further including regularly spaced features that facilitate automatic translation and positioning of the microarray strip.
- 6. (Original) The microarray strip of claim 5 wherein the regularly spaced features comprise two sets of tractor feed perforations along each edge of the microarray strip.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The microarray strip of claim 5 wherein the regularly spaced features comprise regularly spaced optical features that can be detected by an optical detector or sensor.
- 8. (Original) The microarray strip of claim 5 wherein the regularly spaced